

**Formal Submittal of the Recommendation
on the CALFED Solution**



Memorandum

Date: July 6, 2000

To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Chair Mike Madigan
Vice Chair Sunne Wright McPeak
Bay-Delta Advisory Council

Subject: Formal Submittal: Recommendation on the CALFED Solution

We are pleased to formally submit our recommendation on the CALFED Solution. On May 24, 2000 we transmitted our recommendation letter to Deputy Secretary David Hayes and Secretary for Resources Mary Nichols. We submitted our letter before all Bay-Delta Advisory Council members had an opportunity to thoroughly review it and respond.

Included in this formal submittal is the May 24, 2000 letter, an updated attachment listing the BDAC members who support or conditionally support the recommendation, and written responses and comments from BDAC members on the recommendation. The correspondence from the members demonstrates that members continue to be engaged in the CALFED process and have put much thought into the issues addressed in the recommendation and subsequently, the "Framework for Action." We are forwarding the letters to you for consideration by the Policy Group. You will see from the attachment that a total of 22 BDAC members representing all regions of the state and most of the interests represented on BDAC are in support of our recommendation.

We want to thank Deputy Secretary Hayes, Secretary for Resources Nichols and other members of the Policy Group for seriously considering our advice and forwarding the May 24, 2000 recommendation to the other State/Federal discussants. We are pleased that there is a great deal of consistency between the "Framework for Action" and the recommendation. We support implementation of the CALFED Program consistent with the Framework.

We want to congratulate the CALFED agencies for nearing the end of this planning phase, and support you in completing this phase (a very significant milestone for California) by the end of August. We look forward to the ROD/Certification and appreciate the amount of work you have ahead of you to finish this task, work with Congress and the California Legislature and begin implementation of the actions outlined in the Framework. We offer the Council's assistance, if needed, to facilitate working through this transition period.

Attachment

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration